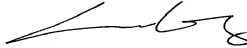


Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form including all appropriate elements of the base claim 1 and the intervening claim 2. Accordingly, claim 3 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-5 are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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